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1. SUMMARY: CLUB OF ROME SPONSORED MEETING HOSTED BY CHANCELLOR

KREISKY IN SALZBURG CONCLUDED TWO DAYS OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON SUCH DIVERSE SUBJECTS AS POLITICAL ETHICS, SHARING TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCES, ECONOMIC GROWTH, POPULATION POLICY AND STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. ANNOUNCED AIM OF MAPPING OUT A "STRATEGY FOR SURVIVAL OF MANKIND" FOUNDERED ON APPARENT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND LDCS AND UNWILLINGNESS OF GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO SPECIFIC COURSES OF ACTION. PARTICIPANTS COULD ONLY AGREE ON A RATHER VAGUE COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH AFOREMENTIONED TOPICS. CLUB OF ROME ISSUED SEPARATE STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES IN ITS OWN NAME. WE APPARENTLY SUCCEEDED IN DISSUADING KREISKY FROM RAISING HIS MARSHALL PLAN FOR LDCS IN THIS FORUM. ONLY PUBLIC REFERENCE TO FEBRUARY 11 WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE MADE BY SENGHOR WHO URGED WORLD CONFERENCE OF OIL PRODUCING AND CONSUMING NATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. POLITICAL LEADERS AT SALZBURG CONFERENCE WERE AS SHOWN REFTEL WITH EXCEPTION OF BELGIUM PM LEBURTON AND AUSTRALIAN MINSOCSEG HAYDEN WHO REGRETTED DUE TO DOMESTIC CRISIS. ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE WAS INFORMATION MINISTER AHMED TALEB. CARROLL WILSON OF MIT IN CAPACITY OF CLUB OF ROME MEMBER WAS ONLY AMERICAN AT CONFERENCE.

3. FINAL COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED ON FOLLOWING ISSUES:

A) POLITICAL PRIORITIES AND ETHICS--WITH EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR WORLDWIDE EFFORTS TO CREATE A NEW STRUCTURE OF PEACE AND DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN PRIVATE NEEDS AND DESIRES AND PUBLIC GOOD.

B) LOCATION OF INDUSTRIES -- SHARING OF INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW IS DESIRABLE AS IS LOCATION OF INDUSTRY IN AREAS WITH LABOR SURPLUS.

C) INDUSTRIAL GROWTH -- MOST COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO RELAY ON ECONOMIC GROWTH BUT EXPANSION SHOULD BE ADJUSTED TO MAN'S ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS.

D) POPULATION POLICY -- COUNTRIES WITH HIGH POPULATION GROWTH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RATES REQUIRE IMPROVED TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

E) ECONOMIC RESOURCES -- MORE EQUITABLE AND STABLE PRICE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RAW MATERIALS AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS WAS CALLED FOR.

F) INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS --

SUPPORTED CHARTER TO DEFINE ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S PROPOSAL) AND CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SEARCH FOR NEW FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

4. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF LENGTHY STATEMENT ISSUED SOLELY IN NAME OF CLUB OF ROME: 1) NATIONS SHOULD "DRAW CONCLUSIONS FROM THEIR INDEPENDENCE" AND REALIZE THAT "NEW AND SPECIFIC ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A TRUE WORLD COMMUNITY"; 2) THE UN SHOULD ADOPT THE PENDING CHARTER OF DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF ITS MEMBERS; 3) GOVERNMENTS SHOULD REVISE THEIR WORKING PROCEDURES TO INCORPORATE LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVES IN CURRENT DECISIONS; 4) EVERY COUNTRY SHOULD DEVELOP ITS POPULATION POLICIES CONSIDERING BOTH NATIONAL AND WORLD REQUIREMENTS; 5) ANTICIPATED DOUBLING OF WORLD POPULATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY EACH NATION AND THE UN IN THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE POLICIES; 6) CLUB OF ROME SUPPORTS THE FAO IDEA OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY POLICY ; 7) FOOD PRODUCTION SHOULD BE ADAPTED TO MANKIND'S LONG-RANGE NEEDS; 8) NATIONS SHOULD JOIN FORCES IN DEVELOPING NEW ENERGY RESOURCES; 9) LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSIDER PROTECTION OF THE SEAS AS AN INALIENABLE COMMON HERITAGE; 10) SINCE THE SOLUTION OF WORLDWIDE PROBLEMS DEPENDS UPON THE PRESERVATION OF WORLD PEACE, THE CLUB WELCOMES SIGNS OF INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY AND CONCERN OF THE BIG POWERS.

5. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, THREE-HOUR PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD LARGELY DOMINATED BY MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND ALGERIAN INFORMATION MINISTER TALEB. HIGHLIGHTS REPORTED BY CONSULATE SALZBURG FOLLOW:

6. ECHEVERRIA NOTED THAT WORLD WAS FACED NOT MERELY WITH OIL CRISIS BUT WITH POLITICAL AND MORAL CRISES AS WELL. HE SPOKE OF THE "BANKRUPTCY" OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THE SPIRIT OF SALZBURG WOULD PROJECT ITSELF TO ALL COUNTRIES. HE OPINED THAT THIS WAS THE NEW CLUB OF ROME NO MORE A GATHERING OF SPECIALISTS LIVING IN AN IVORY TOWER. HE NOTED CLUB'S SUPPORT OF MEXICO'S PROPOSAL THAT A CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF ALL COUNTRIES BE DRAWN UP BY THE UN. ECHEVERRIA FURTHER STATED THAT AS FAR BACK AS 1972 HE HAD APPROACHED BOTH USSR AND PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO GAIN THEIR SUPPORT FOR SUCH A CHARTER AND THAT BOTH COUNTRIES SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL.

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7. ALGERIAN INFORMATION MINISTER TALEB STRESSED "SCANDALOUS DIFFERENCE" BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND HE SAID THAT THE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE LATTER COUNTRIES HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE THIRD WORLD.

8. SENEGAL'S PRESIDENT SENGHOR REFERRED TO FEBRUARY 11 WASHINGTON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENERGY CONFERENCE AS A "RESPONSE OF ONE GROUP OF COUNTRIES TO

ANOTHER GROUP". INSTEAD HE FELT A WORLD CONFERENCE OF BOTH OIL PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES WOULD BE A MUCH BETTER SOLUTION.

9. SWEDISH PREMIER PALME SAID "THE CLUB OF ROME AHS BEEN DESCRIBED TIME AND AGAIN AS AN ASSOCIATION OF DOOMSDAY PROPHETS. THIS IS UNFAIR. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL THESE PROBLEMS ARE FINALLY SOLUBLE". IN AN EARLIER INTERVIEW, PALME STATED THAT MAN'S PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED NEITHER BY CAPITALISM NOR BY COMMUNISM BECAUSE "BOTH ARE ONE-SIDEDLY DIRECTED TOWARD ECONOMIC GROWTH".

10. CARROL WILSON OF MIT, WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE AS CLUB OF ROME MEMBER, TOLD CONSUL CHRISTIANSEN THAT NO TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED IN PLENARIES OTHER THAN THOSE MENTIONED IN PUBLISHED STATEMENTS OR IN PRESS CONFERENCE. FROM THIS WE WOULD INFER THAT KREISKY DID NOT RAISE HIS CHERISHED IDEA OF A MARSHALL PLAN FOR LDCS IN SALZBURG FORUM.

11. COMMENT: OUR INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF CONFERENCE (PRIOR TO HAVING HAD BENEFIT OF TALKING WITH AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED) IS THAT IT PROVIDED CLUB OF ROME PRESTIGIOUS PLATFORM FOR DISCUSSION OF LONG-RANGE PROBLEMS, MANY OF WHICH ARE NOT AMENABLE TO EARLY AND PRACTICAL SOLUTION AND THAT IT ADDED TO KREISKY'S IMAGE AS AN INTERNATIONAL STATESMAN IN THE EYES OF THE PRATICIPANTS AS WELL AS AUSTRIANS.

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